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Item No. 1 Aqueduct – Emergency Preparedness

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service provide a verbal report in 60 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment about how a potential breach and contamination of the aqueduct can be dealt with to ensure the City of Winnipeg suffers limited damages.

2. That the report describe the potential damages to the City of Winnipeg given a disastrous event where the six pipe line right of way intersects with the aqueduct.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 4, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment concurred in the Council Motion of November 25, 2015 with the following amendment:

- Delete “provide a report” and replace with “provide a verbal report in 60 days”,

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 25, 2015, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Dobson,

WHEREAS TransCanada Pipeline had a seminar called Energy East Safety Days – Manitoba on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at the St. Norbert Community Centre to describe their activities towards converting gas pipeline into a liquid pipeline;

AND WHEREAS described activities for the conversion and ongoing operation of the liquid pipeline are impressive in terms of dealing with safety and spills;

AND WHEREAS described activities towards emergency plans were vague and not considerate enough of the City of Winnipeg’s sole source of water aqueduct;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's aqueduct is similar to a pipeline with various valves and pumping stations;

AND WHEREAS City Council and the SPC on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment needs to be aware of any potential dangers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service provide a report to the SPC on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment about how a potential breach and contamination of the aqueduct can be dealt with to ensure the City of Winnipeg suffers limited damages;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this report describe the potential damages to the City of Winnipeg given a disastrous event where the six pipe line right of way intersects with the aqueduct.